NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
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People

WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
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INTRODUCE *YOUR* CHILD TO JANE GOODALL

Mary Ellen Munley (Education) is holding ten spaces for children of Field Museum staff to join the young people meeting with Jane Goodall on Thursday, May 15, 1997. The plan is for the students to arrive at Rice Hall at 1:30 p.m. The students will be greeted, and they will view *Chimps Like Us,* a video about Goodall and her work. Goodall will arrive at 2:30 p.m. She will give a talk for about twenty minutes and will then take questions from the students.

Approximately 100 young people have been invited to meet Goodall. Students are coming from the Illinois Math and Science Academy, St. Ignatius and Whitney Young high schools. The Biodiversity Explorers, teen volunteers and museology students from The Field Museum will also attend. Goodall prefers meeting with high school students, although a few middle school students have been invited.

Space is limited. Spaces will be reserved for ten Field Museum staff people on a first-come, first-served basis. You are asked to respect Goodall's request that the students be at least of middle school age. Because of limited space, and to honor Goodall's request for an informal setting and small audience, it is not possible to invite staff to her talk.

If you wish to reserve a space for your child, please call **Clara Aytch-Baker** (x247).

Congratulations!

To **Mary Chiz** (Graphics) for receiving an Honorable Mention in the 1997 American Association of Museums Publications Design Competition for the **Spiders!** press kits.

BRAINSTORM FOR CELEBRACIÓN

This year's Celebración Festival is scheduled October 23-26. We invite anyone who'd like to be part of the developing team to join us for a brainstorming session on Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Education Department conference room. Please R.S.V.P. to **Rosaura** (x288).

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

On Monday, May 19, **Charles Katzenmeyer** assumes the role of Campaign Director for the Museum's current $60 million fund drive. With Campaign progress near 55% of goal, the challenge is to accelerate the current pace of activity to reach the final goal in 1999. Charles brings considerable fund raising and organizational skills to the task ahead.

Charles comes to the Museum from the Northwestern Memorial Foundation, where he served for over five years as Associate Director. Before that he worked in development at the American Bar Association and for the Northwestern Alumni Association. Charles, a Chicago resident, holds his undergraduate degree from Northwestern ('85) and a Masters of Management from the Kellogg Graduate School ('89). Charles is very active in the community, serving as President of the Northwestern College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Board, and as a member of the Advisory Committee of the ACLU of Illinois.

Willard E. White
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

ODE TO HOUSEKEEPING TEAM
On the Occasion of Members' Night 1997

Our hats are removed to the great job you've done.
The work you've accomplished is second to none!
The sweat and pride that went into this night
Is so very evident, it all went so right.

The weeks of preparing, both night and day,
Seemed endless and tiring, but we do have to say:
You made it so special, and magical too.
We could not have done it without all of you!

So, thank you so much for all you have done,
Working straight through the night to leave with the sun.
You are the people that make this place shine,
And a part of the team that fills our hearts with pride.

Thank You Team! You are the very Best!!!

Michael, Johnsie, Debbie

FIELD MUSEUM FAN MAIL

The following letter was sent to ***Carolyn Klyce*** *by an assistant to a Field Museum Trustee:*

My daughter and I attended the Members' Night 1997 on Wednesday, April 30, 1997. We had a wonderful time. I have not been to the Museum in quite some time and I have to tell you how impressed I was with the new exhibits and all of the improvements that have been made. My daughter particularly enjoyed viewing the exhibits and not having to work around large crowds of people. It was a real treat for both of us. We appreciated the opportunity to visit the administrative offices, see the special reptile "guests" on display, and explore cultures and habits from other nations. It was fun to meet **Helen** and **Jean...**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

SOME ADDITIONAL THANKS

In extending appreciation to all involved in the recently completed renovation of the Mary W. Runnells Rare Book Room, we neglected to mention the many contributions made by **Ernst Pierre-Toussaint** and the staff of Maintenance Services. In particular, special thanks go to **Sheldon Moy** for his extraordinary efforts in creating a secure storage area to house the rare book collections during the renovation.

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

REESE RETURNS FROM SWEDEN

Adjunct Curator **David S. Reese** (Anthropology) has returned from two weeks in Sweden where he was an invited speaker at an international conference in Göteborg on Greek religion. He spoke on the subject of bone evidence for burnt animal sacrifice. He also studied unpublished Late Pleistocene pygmy hippo bone collections from Cyprus, collected in the 1930s, which are in the Swedish Museum of Natural History (Stockholm) and the Paleontology Museum(Uppsala). The Stockholm material was collected in 1931 by the (then) Crown Prince of Sweden. Finally, he studied shells from Swedish excavations made in 1926 at Asine on the Greek mainland, which are now stored in Uppsala. He returns to Crete early next month for more zooarchaeological research.

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

PATTERSON TRAVELS TO NEW YORK AND TEXAS

MacArthur Curator **Bruce Patterson** (Zoology, Mammals) traveled to the State University of New York at Stony Brook, two weeks ago, to participate in a workshop entitled "National Science Foundation Facilities Meeting: Ranomafana National Park Project." The workshop was organized and hosted by Patricia Wright and focused on designs and implementation of a new biological research facility in one of Madagascar's best studied national parks. The multidisciplinary group also discussed the organization and schedule for publishing an edited volume on biodiversity research in Ranomafana. Bruce also traveled last week to Lubbock, Texas where he delivered a seminar entitled, "The generality and significance of some tropical diversity patterns," to the faculty and students of Texas Tech University. His presentation was based on his research collaboration with Conservation Ecologist **Doug Stotz** (Environmental and Conservation Programs, ECP) and Field Associate **Sergio Solari** (Zoology).

HEANEY RETURNS FROM PHILIPPINES

Associate Curator, **Larry Heaney** (Zoology, Mammals) has returned from two and a half weeks in the Philippines; no field work this time, but it was a productive trip. He attended and gave a paper at the annual meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines, a group that

he helped found six years ago, and was elected to a three-year term as a member of its Board of Directors. About 170 people attended the meeting, which had "monitoring of biodiversity" as its primary focus; included were about forty government officials in charge of major protected areas in the Philippines. Larry accepted appointments as an Adjunct Curator at the University of the Philippines (Diliman) Museum of Birds and Mammals, and as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Forestry at the University of the Philippines (Los Banos); the latter appointment will allow him to serve on the PhD committee of **Letty Afuang**, whom you may remember from the Philippine training program here in 1993. Related to this, he met with **Angel C. Alcala** (recipient of the 1994 Founders' Council Award of Merit), now serving as the Philippines' Commissioner for Higher Education, and agreed to help with development of PhD programs for Biodiversity Studies within the Philippines (which suffers from a serious shortage of PhD-level field biologists). Larry also met with the staff of the Conservation International (CI) Philippine Program, and agreed to serve as an advisor on their program expansion that is following CI's recent identification of the Philippines as one of the primary global hotspots for possible impending extinction. Finally, he also obtained a five-year Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and The Field Museum for a program of research and training on Philippine vertebrate evolution, ecology, and conservation.

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon presentation for Tuesday, May 6, 1997 was delivered by **Charles Stanish,** Associate Curator and Chair, Department of Anthropology, Field Museum. Chip discussed the origins of the state in the Titicaca Basin of southern Peru beginning about 700 AD. He reviewed previously espoused selectionist models thought to have driven the emergence of state level organizational units. These constructs have focused on 1) population pressure as linked to available resources; 2) warfare and competition for defense and/or conquest; 3) environmental impact of climatic changes on the carrying capacity.

Chip's alternative to these constructs was based a dichotomy: the tendency for some individuals to accumulate resources to benefit their self interests, and the alternative tendency for others to under produce. He suggested an increase in population levels would have permitted the introduction of persuasion/coercion driven changes to significantly increase local productivity of the group as a whole. Further increases in organizational change would have permitted efficient access to non-local resources, thereby driving consolidation of control as well as territorial expansion.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Sheila Mutchler has recently left her position as Director of Exhibits to pursue other opportunities. We wish her good luck and success. The Museum will begin a search for a new Director immediately. In the meantime, **Laura Gates** will be directing the activities of the Exhibits Department.

WATER SHUT OFF -- May 13

1:00 a.m. -- 8:00 a.m.

Repairs will be done at this time. Please contact Facility & Planning Office (x380) if you have critical equipment needs during this period.